

§ 164.023-1

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Subpart 164.023—Thread for Personal Flotation Devices

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§ 164.023-1 Scope.

This subpart contains performance requirements, acceptance tests, and production testing and inspection requirements for thread used in the construction of personal flotation devices (PFDs) approved under part 160 of this subchapter. Manufacturers must also comply with the requirements of subpart 164.019 of this chapter.

§ 164.023-3 Specifications and standards incorporated by reference.

(a) Certain materials are incorporated by reference into this subpart with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. To enforce any edition other than the one listed in paragraph (b) of this section, notice of change must be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and the material made available to the public. All approved material may be inspected at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC and at the U.S. Coast Guard, Lifesaving and Fire Safety Division (G-MSE-4), Washington, DC 20593-0001, and is available from the source indicated in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b) The materials approved for incorporation by reference in this subpart, and the sections affected are:

TABLE 164.023-5(A)
[Use codes 1, 2, 3, 4BC, 4RB, 5(any)]

Federal or military specification	Material	Type	Class	Ticket No. or size range
V-T-285E	Polyester	I or II	1	E, F, FF.
V-T-295E	Nylon	I or II	A	E, F, FF.
MIL-T-43624A	Polyester	24 through 12.
MIL-T-43548C	Polyester covered only	24 through 12.

(b) *Use Code 4B.* Each thread which meets the requirements of Federal Specifications V-T-295, Type II, Class A, number size 4, is assigned Use Code 4B.

FEDERAL STANDARDS AND TEST METHOD STANDARDS

The following test methods in Federal Test Method Standard No. 191A, Textile Test Methods, July 20, 1978:

- (1) Method 4010, Length-Weight Relation; Thread; Yards Per Pound (m/kg)—164.023-11.
- (2) Method 4100, Strength and Elongation, Breaking; and Tenacity; of Thread and Yarn; Single Strand—164.023-7.
- (3) Method 5804, Weathering Resistance of Cloth; Accelerated Weathering Method—164.023-7.

FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS

- (4) V-T-285E—Thread, Polyester, August 21, 1986—164.023-5.
- (5) V-T-295E—Thread, Nylon, August 1, 1985—164.023-5.

MILITARY SPECIFICATIONS

- (6) MIL-T-43548C—Thread, Polyester Core: Cotton-, Rayon-, or Polyester-Covered, September 30, 1986—164.023-5.
- (7) MIL-T-43624A—Thread, Polyester, Spun, January 22, 1982—164.023-5.

(c) All reference materials are available from the Naval Publications and Forms Center, Customer Service, Code 1052, 5801 Tabor Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19120.

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§ 164.023-5 Performance; standard thread.

(a) *Use Codes 1, 2, 3, 4BC, 4RB, 5 (any).* Each thread which complies with all of the requirements of a specification listed in table 164.023-5(a) is assigned Use Codes 1, 2, 3, 4BC, 4RB, and 5 (any).

§ 164.023-7 Performance; non-standard thread.

(a) *Use Codes 1, 2, 3, 4BC, 4RB, 5 (any).* Each non-standard thread which meets all of the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this section is

assigned Use Codes 1, 2, 3, 4BC, 4RB, and 5 (any).

(1) *Single strand breaking strength.* The thread, as received, must have a single strand breaking strength of not less than 25 N (5.7 lb.), when tested in accordance with Test Method 4100 in Federal Test Method Standard No. 191A using a Constant-Rate-of-Traverse (CRT) testing machine.

(2) *Single strand breaking strength (after weathering).* After exposure in a sunshine carbon-arc weatherometer in accordance with Test Method 5804 in Federal Test Method Standard No. 191A for a period of 100 hours, the thread must retain at least 60 percent of its single strand breaking strength as received, and have a breaking strength of at least 21 N (4.7 lb.).

(3) *Loop breaking strength.* The thread, as received, must have a loop breaking strength of not less than 45 N (10.0 lb.), when tested in accordance with Test Method 4100 in Federal Test Method Standard No. 191A using a CRT testing machine, except that—

(i) Each specimen must consist of two 35 cm (14 in.) pieces of thread; and

(ii) Both ends of one piece of thread must be secured without twisting in one clamp of the testing machine so that the length of the loop formed equals one half the distance between the clamps. One end of the second piece must then be passed without twisting through the loop formed by the first, and both ends must be secured in the other clamp of the machine. The breaking strength must then be determined under the single strand test.

(b) *Use Code 4B.* Each non-standard thread which meets all of the requirements of paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section is assigned Use Code 4B.

(1) *Single strand breaking strength.* The thread as received must have a single strand breaking strength of not less than 160 N (36.0 lb.) when tested in accordance with Test Method 4100 in Federal Test Method Standard No. 191A using a CRT testing machine.

(2) *Single strand breaking strength (after weathering).* After exposure in a sunshine carbon-arc weatherometer in accordance with Test Method 5804 in Federal Test Method Standard No. 191A for a period of 100 hours, the thread

must retain at least 60 percent of its single strand breaking strength.

(c) *Prohibited threads.* Cotton thread, and monofilament thread of any composition, will not be accepted for use in structural applications unless demonstrated to the Commandant to be equivalent to standard thread in durability in all foreseeable conditions of use and stowage.

§ 164.023-9 Samples submitted for acceptance.

Application samples. A product sample submitted for acceptance as required by § 164.019-7(c)(4) must consist of at least one unit of put-up of thread.

§ 164.023-11 Acceptance tests.

(a) *Performance testing.* Manufacturers shall ensure that the performance tests described in § 164.023-7 (a) or (b), as appropriate, are performed on a minimum of five samples in each of the lightest and darkest colors submitted for acceptance.

(b) *Identification testing.* Manufacturers shall ensure that the following identification tests are conducted:

(1) The average length/weight ratio of the thread in meters per kilogram (yards per pound) must be determined in accordance with Test Method 4010 in Federal Test Method Standard 191A.

(2) The generic chemical composition of the thread must be determined by qualitative infrared analysis, thermogravimetric analysis, differential scanning calorimeter, or other equivalent means adequate to conclusively identify the composition of the product tested.

(3) Elongation at break must be determined on the same samples tested for single strand breaking test in accordance with § 164.023-7(a)(1) or (b)(1), as appropriate.

§ 164.023-13 Production tests and inspections.

(a) *Manufacturer's test equipment and facilities.* The manufacturer shall provide the following test equipment and facilities for use in production tests and inspections:

(1) A Constant Rate of Traverse tensile testing machine, capable of initial clamp separation of ten inches and a